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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Our Readers

Tour Taken by Irma 4H Beef Club On Saturday, December 12

Those present were: Clark Steele, Colton Archibald, Irene Archibald, Bob Fischer, Keith Steele, Carl Penton, Ian Sanders, John Fleming, Hugh Fleming, David Prior, Verla Prior, Tod Smith, Bert Smith, Jim Allen, Ann Meyer, George Bacon, Ronnie Firkus, Allen Darling, Ken Orzechowski, Gordon Firkus, Senior committee—Mr. Duncan, D.A., Club Leader Stu Penton, Albert Firkus, Clarence Barber, Tobe Smith, Mrs. Clark Steele, Mrs. Stu Penton.

The bus left Irma at 9 o'clock. Our journey was a pleasant one. The first stop was at Robinson's Registered, Shorthorn Ranch. At this farm we were shown the choice of his herd which was being fitted for the Royal Fair. We observed here the grain diet was rolled instead of ground. This herd was of very good type.

Our next stop was at Mr. B. Bar's, owner of both Hereford and Shorthorn cattle. A weight judging competition was held. This proved very interesting and the club's congratulations go to Verla Prior and Gordon Firkus who won the prizes. We journeyed to the C. Barr farm. We saw some good cattle here being fattened for the Calgary fair. By this time everyone was getting hungry and snow had begun to fall quite rapidly. A banquet was held in the Brunswick hotel and was enjoyed by everyone. Our club president spoke on how we had enjoyed it and thanked Mr. Tucker and Mr. Campbell for their hospitality.

From here we went to a Hereford Ranch owned by Mr. Campbell. He had a fine herd of choice cattle and also an event took place which was real excitement to all the members. Mr. Campbell had spotted a coyote feeding near his herd. He had four trained hounds and we all witnessed a coyote hunt. In the end, after chasing over hills in the bus, we saw the hounds capture it quickly.

Speeches were made by Mr. Bob Barr, president and Mr. Dr. MacDonald, a member of the Dominion Veterinary Ass'n.

Clandonville was our next stop. After a tour of the town we journeyed to a Hereford farm owned by Mr. Jack Cross. His herd was being fattened for the Spring Fair also. Our next stop was an Aberdeen Angus Ranch owned by Bill Cross. This herd was also very good. All the members learned a variety of good points on feeding, picking and choosing the best quality of beef cattle. It was enjoyed by all members and in the future the club plans to take more tours. After supper at Vermilion we journeyed home and arrived in Irma at 9 o'clock.

Press Report,
Almon Archibald.

NOTICE TO ALL 4H BEEF CLUB MEMBERS

There will be a meeting held in the Irma school on Saturday, December 19 at 1 o'clock sharp. New members are welcome to join.

Southern Sayings

Congratulations and best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. C. Bartholow on the birth of a daughter Saturday, December 12, a sister for Marlene. Mr. Bartholow arrived in Irma this week to spend the holidays with his wife and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reber are leaving for Valleyview, Alta., where Leslie has accepted a job. Mr. Arnold Laing is leaving for Creighton Mines, Ont., to go back to a job in the mines there.

Scholarship Winners Awarded \$50 Each

Minutes of the Wainwright Divisional Board meeting as of December 4, 1953.

Present: H. G. Folkins, P. M. Hill, Wm. Lawton, R. C. Hissett, Mrs. A. McLeod and J. Zajic.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and discussion followed.

Mrs. McLeod reported briefly that some progress had been made by the A.S.T.A. re provision for the placement of English teachers in schools in Alberta in 1954. The Wainwright Board felt that it was preferable to deal with such teachers privately.

McLeod—that we contact Mr. Lindstedt now of London, Eng. re our teacher requirements for the year 1954-55. Cd.

Hissett—that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted as read. Cd.

Hissett—that Mr. Zajic's report re bill for labour and materials used in the Edgerton School be approved and paid. Cd.

Hill—that accounts be passed for payment in the amount of \$53,828.54 for the month of November and that the same be included in the minutes of this meeting. Cd.

Supt's Report included the following list of grade nine scholarship winners:

Maude Mary Alice Olson of Chauvin School.

Dennis Walter Burningham of Wainwright school.

Viola Bovenkamp of the Metropolitan School.

Victorian Guy Pare' of the Paschenale school.

Zajic—that the Supt's report be accepted. Cd.

Mr. B. Turner spoke briefly to the Board regarding the progress being made on the New School Building.

Hill—that Mr. Philip Duracher's application for a teachers position at the Jarrows school be accepted. Cd.

McLeod—that we advertise for teachers in the positions now held by Supervisors in the Orbindale, Silgo and Giles school districts, duties to begin Jan. 4, 1954. Cd.

Hissett—that Mr. Zajic with Mr. J. W. Reid make provision for the housing of the New School bus in the McCafferty school barn at an early date. Cd.

Hill—that Mrs. Bosch after five years of service with the Division be exempted from Unemployment Insurance. Cd.

Hill—that awards of \$50.00 each be paid to the four grade nine scholarship winners as mentioned above.

Lawson—adjourn.

Next meeting January 6, 1954 at 9:30 a.m.

Three Lose Lives In Rail Crossing Accident on Thursday

Three persons were killed at the west railway crossing near Irma Thursday evening about 11:30 when struck by the CNR Fryer going east.

The dead are Mr. and Mrs. David Claugson Sr. and Mr. Bert Selstad. Mr. Selstad was a bachelor. The three were driving to their homes south of Irma in Mr. Selstad's panel truck when the fatal accident happened.

No details of the tragedy are at hand as we go to press.

NORTHERN NUGGETS

Bingo at Albert Well Attended

Albert school was well filled Saturday, December 12, when the Triangle Association held a very successful Bingo, the first of a series to be held this winter.

Mrs. R. V. Prior won the first prize—a pin up lamp.

Twenty games were played, with the following winners taking their pick of the prizes offered: Miss Verla Prior, Mrs. G. Coulman, Robin Johnson, Louie Jones, Allan Emmott, Ted Thurston, Mrs. R. V. Prior, Allan Larson—consolation Mrs. R. Currie; W. Ramsey, Jr., Percy Miller, Ted Thurston—consolation Lorne Ramsey; Miss Jean Fleming—consolation Mrs. E. Prior; Gordon Herder, Clark Prior; Mrs. E. Prior, Allan Herder; Clark Prior; Mrs. E. Prior; Dick McRobert; Ted Thurston—consolation Donnie Lukens; Ronald Currie; John Fleming; Miss Isabel Prior.

A Bingo is planned for Orbindale school in January—watch for further particulars of this.

Mr. Bob Allen has gone to Edmonton to work for the winter.

We are sorry to hear that young Clark Smith has been taken to Edmonton where he has undergone an operation on his leg.

Guests at the Stanton Courtman home last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. R. Summers and family of Edmonton.

Mr. Donald Ramsey, whose duties with the Navy will soon be over, is expected home for Christmas, with his wife and baby son.

Christmas concerts are in order next week, with Albert and Education Point holding theirs on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, and the Orbindale concert Dec. 23. Santa's going to be busy!

Mrs. W. H. Prior was a patient in Mannville hospital on Sunday. We are glad to hear that she returned home Monday feeling well.

Mr. Lawrence Savage took in a couple of days of the FUA convention in Edmonton last week.

We understand that Mr. Ted Prior was again a lucky winner at the Kinella Bingo, his prize last Wednesday being a lamp.

Don't forget the Triangle Association meeting at Orbindale school Monday evening, Jan. 4. This will NOT be an FUA meeting. Also the FUA will continue to meet on the third Monday of each month.

Season's Greetings everyone!

OUR CHRISTMAS STORY

We just didn't know where we were going to find that local tale which we usually have in the Christmas issue and then Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barber brought us in a turkey egg—You heard right the first time—a turkey EGG! On making enquiry it seems this unseasonable production was laid on December 9 by a turkey hatched last spring and destined for the Christmas dinner table.

This gifted and versatile bird probably wanted to start a new trend of turkey eggs for Christmas instead of roast turkey. You can see the idea at once. Much less wear and tear on turkeys to provide eggs instead of roast turkey. However, we understand this thinking bird did not escape the axe. Nevertheless, it was a nice try.

As to the egg, it is in the possession of Ye Local Ed., who is trying to decide if it should be beaten up in a Christmas cake or incubated to provide roast turkey for July 1 celebrations.

Shower For Miss Irene Dootson

A large gathering of friends and neighbors gathered at Roseberry school last Monday evening in honor of Miss Irene Dootson and Mr. Frank Crabb, whose wedding is an event of this week. The first part of the evening was spent playing "500." Then Miss Dootson and Mr. Crabb were asked to come forward and take the seats of honor under a canopy of pink and white streamers and wedding bells. Gary Cook wheeled in a galley decorated wheelbarrow laden with gifts and Mrs. J. Steele, with a few well-chosen words, presented them to the happy couple on behalf of their many friends. Miss Mary Dootson assisted her sister in opening the gifts and the guests of honor spoke a few words of thanks. They are Jolly "Good Fellows" was sung by all with Mrs. W. Patterson at the piano. Lunch and a short period of dancing to music provided by neighbors brought an enjoyable evening to a close. The winners at "500" were first, Mrs. W. Walker and Mr. Frank Crabb with consolation to Mrs. G. Knowles and Mr. H. Dunbar. The hostesses for the evening were the Battle River W.I. with special direction by Mrs. A. Cook and Mrs. J. Steele. The W.I.'s special gift to the bride to be was a lovely electric table lamp.

Greetings to Our Readers

We would like to extend the warmest of greetings to all our Irma friends. To Winnie Commander H. J. Lisson in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. J. McLean and Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson in Stockton-in-Tees, Eng. To Mr. and Mrs. Gubina, Mr. and Mrs. J. Krejli, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hok, Mr. and Mrs. V. Lindberg and Mr. and Mrs. Deverick who read the Times in the U.S.A. and to all our host of friends all the way from Mrs. Moleynay in P.E.I. to Mr. and Mrs. Blakely and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hill in Victoria, B.C.

Then there's our Irma missionaries, Miss Jean Younker on an island near Africa and Miss Lillian Mikkelson at Curacao, near Brazil. Those were wonderful pictures you sent, Lillian, with the "view master" to your friends. The kindly let us have them and we found them so real we feel we're really visiting by your mission and seen the beauties of the flowers and shrubs where you live.

Last, we send wishes for a Happy Christmas to our Irma friends in hospital, Mrs. R. D. Smallwood, Mrs. J. Halverson, Mrs. J. C. McLean, Mrs. Floyd Fuder and any others of whose illness we have not heard, and may 1954 see you all restored to better health.

Irma Legion to Assist Campaign for Polio Funds

The dominion command of the Legion are sponsoring a campaign for funds for polio research and the Irma branch will assist in the fund raising campaign to fight this dread disease.

The Junior Red Cross, Grades 5 and 6 of the Irma School are having a sale of plaques, cushions, toys, woodwork, etc., in the Food Market on Saturday afternoon, December 19.

Canada today is second only to the United States as a producer of aluminum.

EASTERLY ECHOES

Piano Recital Held at Paschenale

The sympathy of the district is extended to Mrs. M. Czeperak who has received word of the death of her father. Mr. Stuart Fenton, president of the Northern Section, attended a meeting of the Hereford Association in Calgary. He was accompanied by Mr. Joe Kallal of Tofteld, Alberta Hereford Association President.

Quite a number of our junior residents who are members of the 4H Beef Club accompanied the tour of herds of the three beef breeds at Vermilion and Clandonville. A full write-up appears elsewhere.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to the newlyweds to be, Miss Irene Dootson and Mr. Frank Crabb.

Mrs. Phil Inkin of Paschenale held a piano recital of her pupils in the Paschenale school on the evening of Dec. 3. A very enjoyable evening was the report of the interested audience. Those who took part were Carole and Diane Conway; David and Albert Alexander; Patay, Ronnie and Norman King; Ellen and Allen Odham; Myrna Taylor, Keith Johnson and Donald Inkin; former pupils Lela Taylor, Frances Inkin and Hazel Dalton also gave some very enjoyable numbers as did Miss Keane, primary teacher of Paschenale school and a duet by Miss Keane and Miss Kate Nugent, principal of the school.

Glen-Coa Gleanings

(Last Week)

Mr. Albert Johnson passed away at his home on Monday morning, December 6. The sympathies of the district are extended to Mrs. Johnson and Alvin and family in the bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Erickson motored to Edmonton last Monday.

There will be service in Sharon Lutheran Church Sunday, December 13 at 11:30 a.m. The Luther League will meet in the evening at 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Gubina and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gubina and Mr. and Mrs. G. Pedel were Carrose visitors on Tuesday.

(This Week)

A special treat will come to Sharon Church on Friday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m. when the Viking Lutheran choir, under the leadership of Gordon Hafso, will present a Christmas choir program. Everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Fluevog, Karen, John and little Gail are motoring from Vancouver to spend the holiday season here with relatives.

Mrs. J. Halverson is a patient at Wainwright hospital but we are glad to be able to report that she should be home very soon. December 18 will see the close of the fall term for Carrose College when Pat Pedel and Erling Larson will be homebound.

Also coming home for Xmas are the nurses in training at Misericordia: Norma Likness, Evelyn Erickson and Avis Satre. The Christmas service at Sharon will be at 11 a.m. on December 20.

Sharon Sunday School will hold its program the evening of December 20. "Noel," with this age-old greeting come the best wishes for a blessed and happy Christmas.

Christmas Greetings From the Churches

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

It is a privilege to bring Greetings to the People of the Irma District at another Christmas Season—

Each year we find ourselves looking forward to Christmas with a feeling of expectancy. We think of Christmas past and we remember the joy and the inspiration they have brought to us and it makes us long for another such happy experience.

Wherever Christmas is celebrated whether it be in lands where winter holds sway or in lands where the summer sun pours down its heat, the birth of Jesus and the Beautiful stories of the Nativity cheer people, and they remember that the angel said "Fear not for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

There are many people whose lot is hard this year. Their countries are bound by chains of oppression and hate. Their land trampled by armies and their people sick and sad and hungry—what will Christmas mean to them? Only as Christian people share with them, reaching out in love to make God's gift of a Saviour shine like a guiding star before them.

There are sick and troubled folk in our own land. Folio has taken a terrific toll in these western provinces. There are so many ways in which we can share the blessings God has given and in a spirit we learn the true meaning of Christmas.

The Angel song of Peace on Earth Goodwill to men has not become a reality, but that is not because of any failure on God's part, rather it is men who have not measured up, but this we know. Wherever men have accepted Christ and live as He taught them to live they are happier, their civilization is superior and life is more abundant for them.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You All.
—Rev. H. W. Inglis.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because He trusted in Thee. Isaiah 26:3.

To the people of Irma and surrounding districts the following lines express our sincere wishes for Christmas and the New Year:

"I wish thee peace! the earth is full of trouble—
And days are marked by rush, and strain and test;
And life grows on unceasing round and struggle,
I wish thee peace: God's peace—thy heart's deep rest."

"I wish thee peace! the peace of sins all taken—
All cleansed away thro' Christ's atoning blood.
The peace which rests, untroubled and unshaken,
Since God's redeeming grace is understood."

"I wish thee peace! the peace of His near presence;
The peace of glad abandon to His will;
The peace which is of God's own heart—the essence;
The peace which reigns serene, and strong and still."

"I wish thee peace! Peace past all understanding—
Which comes through prayer and loving God's dear word;
So shall thy life be fruitful, strong, outstanding—
And thou shalt be of service to thy Lord."
(Rev.) N. V. Ashdown.

The average capacity of Canadian railway freight cars rose to 45,961 tons in 1951 from 45,564 in 1950 and 45,965 in 1948.

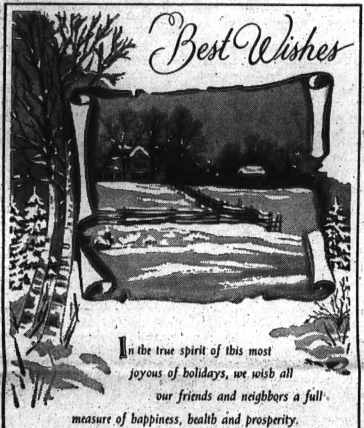


Christmas WISHES

A wealth of health, happiness and contentment are our wishes for all our friends and neighbors on this most joyous holiday.

Irma Machine Works

G. A. HURST, Prop.



Best Wishes

In the true spirit of this most joyous of holidays, we wish all our friends and neighbors a full measure of happiness, health and prosperity.

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Season's GREETINGS

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Merry Christmas

May your heart sing out this Christmas in tune with all the happiness of a Joyous Holiday Season.

Hansen's Service Station

Frig Bonspiel January 20-23 Open to 32 Rinks

(From The Viking News)

The fifth annual Refrigerator Curling Club sponsored by the Viking Curling Club will be held January 20, 21 and 22, with the semi-finals and finals held January 23.

The following committee was elected to take charge of the Frig Spiel:

Promoter, Selmer Hafso. Prize Committee: C. Trueman, J. Hafso and K. Hilliker. Draw man: J. L. Slavik. Ways and Means: Dave Henderson and Lumir Dobry. Accommodation: H. Kjelland and L. Carrington.

Entries for this annual curling classic that draws curlers from as far south as Bassano and Lloydminster to the north, have already been received from Irma, Ryley and Killam. The entries will be limited to 32.

First come, first served.

Trombone FOR Paris

By Shirley Sargent
STEVE ROLLED from the bed where Marge slept and started toward the living room. The glow of Christmas tree lights betrayed the children. Young Stevie—there was a boy for you—had one hand in his stocking. Julie was whispering, "Go on, see what's in it." Only "ris, the tall, older one, was quite still. Paris turned just as Steve said "Merry Christmas," sarcastically. Young Stevie, with the engaging grin, whipped around, "Hi, daddy. Can we open our presents? It's almost daylight."

"Daylight, my foot—it's barely two." "But Santa Claus has already been here." "See," Steve commanded. Stevie and Julie hugged him, leaving without argument, but there was defiance plain on Paris's face. Paris—darned fool name for a boy. Marge—idea. "Bed, son," Steve reiterated. "Under the tree, dad, I don't see anything long and sort of curved."

That Paris, an odd one. An eleven-year-old kid wanting a trombone. It beat Steve. "I don't either," he agreed, meeting his son's eyes. "Look, you're too old to believe in Santa Claus, and too young to realize how expensive a trombone is."

Paris looked down at the mounds of gaily wrapped packages. "Okay," he said in a flat, old-sounding voice, "so I get a couple of new shirts and Stevie gets..."

Paris ground his bare foot into the rug. "Nothin'. I was just talking."

"Good night, son," Steve watched Paris out of the room before he unplugged the tree lights and sank into a worn armchair. Paris was right. Stevie had everything he'd asked for piled under the tree. Even an electric train. Cost a lot to keep a kid happy these days, but a trombone... Like the one out in the trunk of the car that was going back to the store first thing Wednesday morning. A month and only so much working in a laundry, trying to save enough to buy a half interest, so Marge went ahead and bought a trombone without a by-your-leave.

First Paris had to have lessons, then a rented horn to practice on. Now he wanted one of his own. Paris, a funny kid. Never listening to the football games like Julie and even Stevie did. Always wandering out for bikes and bringing home



"Look, you're too old to believe in Santa Claus."

strange, ragamuffin kids. Happy when he could tinker with all radios, huggler yet when he could listen to highbrow music. That stuff. Steve didn't understand him and that was a fact. From a distance he heard the voices of carolers and, upstairs, the wailing notes of the rented trombone. That Paris! What was he trying to do? Wake everybody up?

EVEN AS STEVE swung up the stairs, to the attic, he heard the surseness in the music. At first Paris had practiced in the attic by request, but Steve had to hand it to him. He had worked hard; two-three hours a day until he could really play. Looking in on him now, Steve saw that the rented instrument deserved. Paris had taken care of it—wouldn't let the others touch it.

To look at his intent, happy face, you wouldn't know it was Paris whose everyday face was with drawn, almost sullen. That playing a horn that took all your breath to blow, would give him happiness was amazing to Steve.

Paris put the trombone down when Steve touched his shoulder.

"You love to play, don't you?" Steve asked.

A smile the like of which Steve had never seen before crossed his son's face. Then, shyly, "Mr. Baxter wants me to play in the school band."

It was hard to keep his pride from showing, but Steve only said, heartily, "That's fine, Paris," before sending him back to bed.

Steve went downstairs searching under the tree until he found young Stevie's electric train. The box was heavy in his hands as he considered. Tony didn't matter too much to Stevie—he liked active things, in which a father could share.

When Steve came back to the car, he felt like Santa Claus as he put the shiny leather case that was long and sort of curved under the tree. A trombone for Paris.

The King of Greece Says Thanks



While winsome Queen Frederika looks on smilingly, King Paul of the Hellenes expresses thanks to U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld who has just presented him with a check for Greek Earthquake Relief. The check represents contributions of U.N. staff members. The occasion was the royal couple's visit to U.N. Headquarters during their goodwill tour of the USA. In the background stands Greece's Permanent Representative to U.N., Alexis Kyrou.

Quality Printing at the News Office

Letterbox

December 7, 1953.

The Editor,
Irma Times,
Viking, Alberta.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir: Help for the handicapped is coming increasingly to the forefront in the thinking of the people, the Press and governments.

This is altogether fitting and proper. The Alberta Tuberculosis Association has been practising it for many years through our rehabilitation division which has given new life and hope to hundreds of ex-sun patients and their families. We have been preaching it, too, sowing seeds of thought and inspiration on ground which at first appeared barren, but which proved to be fertile, to our great joy.

We feel impelled at this time to let the people of Alberta know that a portion of their Christmas Seal contributions has been used year after year for a good many years to foster and promote the idea of providing rehabilitation services not only for the tuberculous but for all handicapped persons; that we now feel a just pride in accomplishment; that we are now beginning to see the fruition of our dream of help for all handicapped persons; that governments have recognized the right of people with handicaps to a decent, self-supporting and self-respecting existence.

Many organizations have worked with us on this project; the federal government has brought into being a national advisory council for rehabilitation of the handicapped, and is negotiating improved and comprehensive agreements with the provincial governments for help to all who need it. A number of voluntary health and welfare organizations co-operated in the formation of this advisory council. What once appeared almost hopeless is now close to being a reality.

Christmas Seal dollars do indeed go a long way. They help to prevent TB through education; they help to find TB in early, curable stages; they provide nursing and welfare services where they are sorely needed; and now here is another achievement—help for all handicapped—in which Christmas Seals have played a major part.

Mrs. Editor, the readers of the Irma Times have a right to know of the things accomplished through their Christmas Seal contributions, so we have written this letter in the hope that you will find room for it among your "Letters to the Editor." Thank you for this space, and also for the co-operation we always receive from The Irma Times.

Yours very truly,

ALTA T.B. ASS'N.
C. Robert Dickey,
General Secretary.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

To all our friends... May this Holiday Season be the happiest one you've ever enjoyed.

Central Garage



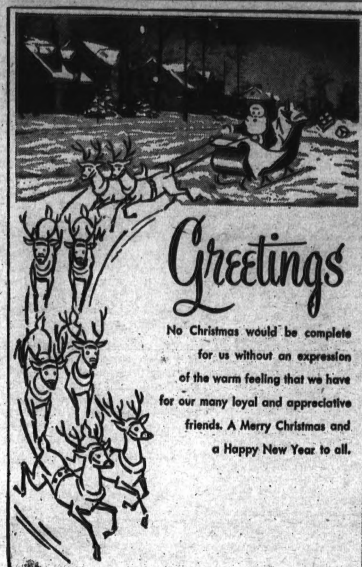
It is with unbounded pleasure that we extend to all our friends our sincerest wishes for a glorious holiday.

Irma Hotel

F. DREWICKI, Mgr.

On Sunday, night, December 27, the United Church Sunday School will present a White Gift Service and a Nativity program in the Irma United church at 7:30 p.m.

Rubber rings sewn to the corners of rugs will hold them down. A course stiff netting is available in rug departments which will keep scatter rugs firm and prevent skidding. — Your Home Economist.



Greetings

No Christmas would be complete for us without an expression of the warm feeling that we have for our many loyal and appreciative friends. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Imperial Lumber Co. Ltd

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As an expression of our thanks and good will, we extend the Season's Greetings to all our many friends.

Leo's Truck Service



It is our sincere wish that all the goodness of this glorious holiday may be yours to enjoy to the utmost. Merry Christmas!

A. C. Charter



May all the joy which comes from the true spirit of Christmas be yours through all the New Year.

Club Cafe, J. Pond, Prop.

Special Holiday Ice Cream Bricks on Hand

the visit of the wise men...

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed, and, to the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.



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To remove coffee stains—on washable materials—wash in cold water first to remove the cream stain, then stretch over a bowl and pour boiling water through from a height.—District Home Economist.

EDMONTON REPORT

By Donald F. Smith

EDMONTON—With the prediction of darker skies and squalls on the 1954 farm scene, 685 delegates to the 5th annual convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta outlined their dislikes and wants in five days of considering resolutions and hammering out organization policy.

By the end of the convention they had considered 150 resolutions, passed others on to the central board for suitable action. They placed the stamp of approval on most points in a 35-point declaration of FUA policy, drawn up by the central board. They reiterated the farmers' protest against oil and gas prices, delved into the field of rural electrification and power costs and put the heat on the federal government about the grain situation. They blasted alleged price fixing in various fields and called for an investigation of farm machinery prices.

Once again the question of amalgamation with the Alberta Federation of Agriculture provided lively, strong debate for several hours, but the upshot was passage of a resolution asking for deferment for a year to "get the information to every member." This, despite the fact that President Henry Young had opened the convention by stating that a draft constitution had been drawn up and sent to every local last spring for consideration. He expressed the hope at that time that the delegates had been instructed by their locals on the stand they were to take.

In these remarks he also pointed out that the fast AFA convention did not express approval or disapproval of the proposed merger. When the debate started, AFA President Roy C. Marler said his organization had tabled the matter without consideration because FUA wishes were not known.

The inability of the delegates to reach a decision on amalgamation was pointed up by frequent references by delegates and officials to the necessity for farmers to present a united front in pressing their wishes and needs. The difficulties in the way of attaining this objective were left to an outsider to declare. S. O. Hillerud, of the U. of A. extension department, said organizers "will have to overcome the indifference of 85 per cent of the farm population to organizations."

"United front" did not show strongly during consideration of the method of seeking marketing boards for farm produce and, before the debating was over, officials were ready to say the delegates did not know what they wanted. Delegates applauded when they were bawled out by Vice-President Carl J. Stimpfle for not acting on their own resolutions.

It started when the convention came to a resolution asking the government to take a plebiscite on producer marketing boards, with a 60-per cent majority to constitute a mandate for setting up marketing board legislation. Although the resolution had been submitted by four district conventions, a sub-district rally and two locals, it was sent back by the delegates for re-drafting. When it was again presented to the convention the delegates voted to throw out the changes and they were back on the original resolution.

No one seemed to know what to do and Mr. Stimpfle, one of the group which drafted the original resolution and the rejected change, was asked for his views. He gave them. In part, they went like this:

"You've got to make up your minds what you want. You pass a resolution, then leave it alone. You don't take it home and talk it up. I've been trying to tell you that for three years and you won't listen to me or any of your officials."

"You're trying to set up the mechanics before you accept the principle of the thing. The government doesn't see fit to take action because you can't take time to go to your MLA and tell him what you want."

He urged them to get their district boards to call one or two mass meetings; invite their legislative member and have a qualified authority explain marketing board set-ups. "By doing that," he said, "we might get

some action at the next legislative session."

In the end the convention passed a resolution asking the government to pass legislation legalizing the establishment of such boards. Feeling was that after the legislation is on the books the principle will be established.

The convention rejected the central board's policy statement, which opposed gas export from Alberta, and substituted one to keep the gas in Canada.

Apparently most of the convention agreed with delegates who saw export from the province was all but fact. But they disagreed with the optimism of one or two others who claimed there is far more than enough gas for the needs of Alberta and Canada for many years to come. One woman delegate suggested it would not be long before atomic power would relegate gas to the position of a second-rate fuel and source of power.

While passing a resolution endorsing policy seeking public ownership of rural power developments, delegates also recognized that private ownership of power would exist for some time. They passed a resolution asking for a reduction of the farm power rate to one cent per kilowatt hour. The request was based on the contention that the power companies have no money invested in rural power lines and that production of electricity under an efficient system costs about one-half cent per kilowatt hour.

In connection with grain handling, the convention had before it a resolution favoring compulsory arbitration in cases of grain handling. Livestock processing and other essential industries. After a stirring plea by a grain handlers' representative and strong debate by delegates, the sting was taken out of the resolution by deleting the word "compulsory" and the convention went on record as favoring plain, ordinary arbitration in case of such strikes.

The elections saw Mr. Young of Millet, re-elected by a overwhelming majority for his fourth term in the \$5,000-a-year job as president of the 23,800 member organization. He received 414 votes, compared with 182 for his only rival, Mr. Stimpfle, of Egmont, who in turn was elected vice-president very easily. Also in his fourth term in the same position, he received 307 votes, his nearest rival, Frank Maricle of Hamelin, 90. In the Hatfield of Beldonnell, B.C., 78.

In a field of nine candidates, three were chosen as executive members. New member is Archie L. Hoag of High River, while re-elected were A. B. Wood of Dewberry, and Mr. Hatfield. Acclamation was accorded Mrs. W. C. Taylor of Wainwright, in re-electing her president of the FWUA, which held sessions at the same time as the parent organization. Mrs. C. T. Armstrong of Calgary, was re-elected first vice-president and Mrs. C. W. Braithwaite, Red Deer, second vice-president.

It was not all work and no play for the delegates. Several districts drew their delegates together at small banquets while a social evening and convention dance highlighted events Tuesday. Throughout the convention delegates congregated in small groups in the halls of the convention building, the Alberta College Auditorium in downtown Edmonton, and in hotel rooms. They thrashed out their organization's problems among themselves at breakfast and lunch and exchanged information that many will carry back to their locals and put into practice.

Throughout the five days, Edmonton was aware of the visitors. Their convention badges showed up everywhere. Citizens, accustomed to eating in downtown restaurants found they had to wait even longer than usual when the farm delegates took their noon break.

Although attendance at the last day's session dropped off considerably, the convention earlier in the week was a resolution calling for a four-day meeting instead of five.

There was plenty of indications that on many major issues delegates thought differently about how they should be settled. But the convention, as a whole, presented a picture of the farmer striving for the best position obtainable—socially and economically.

NOTICE To Renters and Non-Ratepayers In the Viking Municipal Hospital District No. 10

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—Mrs Ivan Currie.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all the ladies who helped make our apron and home cooking sale such a success. The weight guessing contest of the Christmas cake was well patronized. The weight was 8 lbs., 14½ ozs. The winners were Mr. Erle Prior, Mr. Ted Thurston and Mr. Frank Keller. Guessing the cake at 8 lbs., 15 ozs. —St. Mary's W.A.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to those who sent floral tributes and made donations in memory of our loved one. Most of all we want to thank the friends and neighbors for the many acts of great kindness which did so much to comfort and help us all in our time of bereavement. When so much has been done we would like to thank individually each and all who helped us in any way.

—Mrs. L. A. Johnson, Alvin, Lily and children.

Card of Thanks

The Irma Branch of the W.I. wishes to thank all those who helped to make the annual W.I. Bazaar a success.

Card of Thanks

To all the friends who came to visit me, sent cards and for gifts while I was in hospital. I would like to say how much it was appreciated. Thank you all very much.

—Mrs. Adelaide Dootson.

Christmas Services

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, December 20
Irma Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:30 a.m.
Christmas Service. Special Music.

COIT Candle-Lighting service at 8 p.m.
Paschendale 2 p.m. Christmas Service.

Sunday, December 27
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School, White Gift Service 8 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Service of Holy Communion will be held in St. Mary's Church on Sunday, December 20 at 2:30 p.m. The offering at this service will be our Christmas gift to our Rector.

CHRISTIAN and MISSIONARY ALLIANCE TABERNACLE

Sunday School, Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service, Sunday at 11:45 a.m.
Bible Study and Prayer meeting, Wednesday at 8 p.m.
Christmas Program, Wednesday, December 23 at 8 p.m.
—Pastor N. V. Ashdown.

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February—Dempsey.
March—Patterson.
April—Sanders.
May—Savard.
June—Bacon.

Program

January—Patterson.
February—Cook.
March—Dempsey.
April—Doolson.
May—Enger.
June—Sanders.

Roll Call

January—Bring a Friend.
February—Valentine Gift Exchange (Handkerchief).
March—Friendship meeting.
April—Plant Slip Exchange.
May—Child's Book exchange.
June—Surprise.

Hostesses

Morse, Enger.
Dempsey, Gardiner.
Patterson, Doolson.
Sanders, Cook.
Savard, Fenton.
Bacon, Steele.

Draw

Dempsey.
Patterson.
Gardiner.
Bacon.
Steele.
Enger.

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By Anne O'Sullivan

HESITANT but determined, RAN some had brought his fiancée, Hilda, home for Christmas to his parents' mountain ranch. Now, on Christmas Eve, Bridget his young school-teaching sister, and Gloria, his white-collar sister, sat in the pine-paneled living room, admiring the yet undecorated Christmas tree. And Hilda seemed to be getting along particularly well with Gloria, the ambitious, the contemptuous sister whose city veneer denied her mountain heritage.

He was the first to stir from the surprising, but comfortable dark. "I'll take care of it, Ma," he called toward the kitchen, "probably just a blown out fuse."

"Wouldn't you know it?" Gloria's voice rose sharply, complainingly. "Hear that wind?" Ma asked with the low, pleasant chuckle that characterized her to her family.

Pa, armed with a lantern, stamped in the back door, shedding snow as he shook his heavy jacket off. "It's real snowing, east-er, but the animals are all right."

"Did you check the fuse box, Pa?" Ran asked.

"Not much use—the wind probably took care of a transformer. What's the matter, boy? When you were living at home we didn't even have electricity."

"Yeah, well, we still got plenty lanterns around!"

"Long as we got horseshoes, we'll keep the lanterns ready." It was Ma's turn to laugh. "Likely our light'll be off two-three more times this winter."

"It's that Hilda he's thinking of," Pa said absently. "Let's go in with the girls. She's a fine girl, Ransome."

"We can't trim the tree, Pa, when the light strings won't work," Gloria sounded petulant, dissatisfied. Was Hilda disappointed too? Ran wondered.

Ma and Pa laughed. "You sure have the all-firest short memory!"

"Remember the times we trimmed the tree with popcorn balls and all?" Bridget asked. "Let's do it tonight, shall we, Ma?"

"Why, of course, Pa and I'd get a sight of pleasure out of that. How about you, Hilda?"

"I'd like to help." To Ran she sounded enthusiastic, but maybe it was just politeness.

"A sight more work too," Gloria pointed out. "Why you won't move."

"I'll need another lantern for the kitchen, Pa, if I'm to string cran-berries," Bridget interrupted zealously.

RAN KNELT beside the deep fire-place, built by his great-grandfather, to stir the coals. As a boy he had risked burning himself to pop corn in a frying pan; now they had a long-handled popper. The angry surge of wind reassured him in a strange way. He was at home. Safe and protected. If only Hilda could share his feeling for this place.

He leaned on his heels, whistling, as the kernels began to pop. "I wish you'd let me help," Hilda said.

"Bridget sent me in with a bowl, salt and butter."

Ran moved aside, finding it natural for Hilda to kneel and work beside him. Her eyes sparkled and her face was flushed in the firelight, but Ran missed his chance to ask if she were happy when Bridget summoned them to string popcorn.

Gloria held up a string of popcorn. "Not half so pretty as tinsel." "Means more," Bridget said. "Seems like popcorn strings have a special beauty—the kind you can't buy."

Soon the Christmas tree was festooned with strings of popcorn and cranberries. It looked beautiful to Ran even before they moved presents underneath. He caught the satisfaction on everyone's face. Though Gloria still looked cynical.

Just then Hilda rushed out of the room and went upstairs. When she came back, she paused half-shyly in the doorway, an accordion in her arms. "I thought you'd have a piano and now that the radio's off, maybe you'd like some carols? It's been such a perfect evening."

Ran knew then, as he guided her into the circle and saw the family make way for her, that Hilda was one of them and his voice rose exultantly in "O, Come All Ye Faithfuls."

Jarrow News

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw and family of Sedgewick were recent Sunday visitors at the Jamieson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beschall accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson of Edmonton visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Campbell on Sunday. The Thompsons lived in the Jarrow district several years ago and will be remembered by many of their friends.

Don't forget the Christmas service at the Hall on Sunday, December 20 at 4 p.m. The Irma Choir will be in attendance and you will not want to miss hearing them.

The sympathy of the community is expressed to Mrs. L. A. Johnson and son Alvin and family on the death of Mr. L. A. Johnson. Mr. Johnson was well known in the Jarrow district as he had farmed south of town for many years prior to moving to Irma a few years ago.

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I believe in Him whom the Kings of the earth ignored. And the proud could never understand;

Whose paths were among the common people, Whose welcome came from men of hungry hearts.

Who, by His love brought sinners back to purity And lifted human weakness to meet the strength of God.

I confess our everlasting need of God;

The need of forgiveness for our greed and selfishness, The need of life for empty souls, The need of love for hearts grown cold.

I acknowledge the glory of all that is like Christ: The steadfastness of friends, The blessedness of homes, The beauty of compassion, The miracle of many hearts made kind at Christmas.

—Condensed from a poem by W. R. Bowie.

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- 4—You may send in as many entries as you wish but only one prize will be awarded to one person.
- 5—Stories must be handed to the editor of your weekly newspaper not later than Saturday, January 9, 1954.
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CHRISTMAS CHEER

Dorothy Boys Killan

NAN RAYMOND, seated in white starched loneliness at the hall desk of Ridgeland's ten-bed community hospital, stared disconsolately at the tiny table tree which she had just finished trimming.

"Would it be just too much to ask you to take Christmas Eve duty for me, Nan?" Grace, the other night nurse, had asked her some days ago. "I know you aren't going to be able to get home for the holidays anyway, and my family is right here in town."

"Why, yes," Nan had answered slowly. "I suppose I might as well be on the job as anywhere."

The urgent ringing of a bell broke in on her lonely dreams—the handbell of the patient in room two.

"Oh, Smith! I wonder what long-winded complaint she'll have now," Nan groaned.

She opened the door. "Mrs. Smith, every grey hair in place, was sitting bolt upright in bed. "I'm expecting a visitor tonight. Where is he?" the old lady snipped.

"If anyone asks for you, of course I'll bring him up," Nan forced herself to answer politely.

"It's almost nine o'clock, and Algonon wrote definitely that he'd make it for Christmas Eve," Mrs. Smith glared at Nan. "It's had enough being here, let alone trying to celebrate alone."

"I'm not celebrating either, Mrs. Smith," Nan tried to sound sympathetic.

"Oh, you—you're young and strong, and well, this is your job. The woman sighed. "How well I remember Christmases when I was your age! Sit down a minute and I'll tell you about the time we—"

"I'm so sorry, Mrs. Smith, but I have some things I really must do. The old lady ignored her excuse.

"The time we invited the church choir to supper and to help decorate our tree before choir practice," she went on. "Well, somebody began a carol as he tied a popcorn ball to a branch, and, do you know, before the last apple was hung on the tree, we had gone through our whole blessed program."

"Did you always put a star on the top of your tree?"

"Oh, my, yes," Mrs. Smith smiled. "I'll tell you just exactly what we did use for decorations. Let's see, now. There were the popcorn balls and cranberry chains. . . .

When the doorbell downstairs rang suddenly, Mrs. Smith brought her-



"I'm expecting a visitor tonight. Where is he?" the old lady snapped.

self up in the middle of a sentence and chuckled. "Thank you for listening to an old bore, my dear. Now you just go see if that isn't Algonon."

A young man, bare headed, with coat collar turned up to meet a tassel of sandy hair, smiled at her through the gloom. It was the unfortunate gal who's taking care of my Granny Smith!" he asked.

An imperious voice called from upstairs. "Is that you, Algonon?"

The young man grinned at Nan. "Awful, isn't it, but it does help to shorten it to 'Al'."

Nan led the way upstairs. As they entered room two Mrs. Smith held out her arms affectionately to the visitor, saying at the same time, "You look startled, Miss Raymond. I'll wager you never dreamed an old fuddy-duddy like me could have such a personable relative."

"Well, I guess I did expect—" "I can imagine what you did expect," Mrs. Smith laughed. Then turning to her grandson, "You won't be able to stay with me, as we had planned, but luckily, there's a decent little hotel downtown."

"Couldn't I stay at your house, anyway, Granny? A hotel's such a lonesome place at Christmas time," Al pleaded.

"The house is all closed up," Mrs. Smith answered. "But, never fear, just this evening I have found a local cure for loneliness."

She smiled at Nan. "This young lady sat here this evening and put up so cheerfully with my long-winded reminiscences, that I talked myself right out of a horrible mood into a pleasant glow. If you go at it the right way, I'm sure she can do the same for you."

Al said quickly, "Would having Christmas dinner with me at the hotel be a good beginning, Miss Raymond?"

"I think it would," Nan agreed.



By Ansel Beauregard

HARVEY BUTLER ran a chapped hand through the lank brown hair that fell over his forehead and stared contemptuously at Jack and Gordon Linter. Their blue eyes were on him, wide and questioning.

"You sure there ain't no Santa Claus?" six-year-old Gordon asked worriedly.

Harvey laughed. "Course the Linters were little kids, six and seven, but they ought to know better. "You think I'd be parading around in spilt-out jeans an' a patched shirt if there was!"

"Probably Santa Claus is bringing you one for Christmas," Jack said hopefully.

Harvey sneered, thinking of the barren Christmases at his house. They were lucky if they had a tree even. This year on account of his little sister—just over three now—

had said that'd try to have some presents. "Any new clothes I get we buy," he said, "an' usually I just get my cousin's old stuff, hand-me-downs, men call 'em."

"Well," again Gordon looked hopeful, "that doesn't mean anything. Mostly Santa brings toys, not clothes."

"Not to me, he doesn't. I tell you there isn't a Santa Claus except for you kids."

Gordon's eyes filled with tears and Jack looked like crying. "Are you sure?" he asked, his voice quivering. "Your little sister told me Santa Claus—Kaws she calls him—

is coming to your house."

"The wind seemed to whistle through all the holes and thin places in Harvey's clothes. "Carol said that!"

"Yeah," Jack said, "you know how funny she talks. She said he was coming through the door, 'cause you don't have a chimney, when the lights are out and bring her a doll and some other things."

"What things?" Try and remember," Harvey felt chilled. If Carol was expecting Santa Claus, counting on him like these kids. . . . How would she feel when he didn't come?

"Doll cradle and a wagon," Gordon said. "And a trike—twike" she called it—painted red. You were just kidding us, weren't you, Harvey?"

HARVEY LOOKED at their faces. "I and felt mean that he had told them the truth. After all, he was eleven, big enough to know better, and they were just little guys. "Sure, I guess there's a Santa Claus, but sometimes he doesn't get to all the



"You were just kidding us, weren't you, Harvey? There really is a Santa Claus?"

house. Like Carol said, we don't have a chimney for him to come down, so he probably missed us a couple of times."

"The light was back in the boys' eyes. "Sure, that's what we're making that scowly face for, Harvey!"

This time Harvey chose his words carefully. "Well, he might miss our house again this year and Carol's sure she'd be disappointed, so I was trying to think how I could see she got what she wanted. I think I can make her a wagon at the Boy's Club and a wooden cradle. You think that'd work?"

"Sure," Gordon agreed enthusiastically. "long as she thinks Santa brought them, she won't know the difference."

"What about the doll and the trike?" "You can't make those," Jack pointed out.

Harvey shivered, leaning against the board fence. "Mom gave me money for a haircut that I said use for a doll. Usually Mom gave him haircuts 'cause they were so expensive, but she had a burned hand now."

"Hey, Jack," Gordon shouted excitedly, "how about that old trike in the garage? Harvey could fix the wheel."

"Sure," Gordon answered, "and I'll bet we can find a red paint."

"And we could make her some blocks at the Boy's Club easy."

Harvey shoved his hands in his pockets, swallowing quickly. "Gee, that'd be fine, she doesn't have any now. See you later."

"Come on, Gordon," he heard Jack yell happily. "let's go find that trike."

As Harvey hurried toward the barber shop, he was glad he hadn't persuaded them there wasn't a real Santa Claus. It didn't seem to matter so much with all of them trying to make Carol happy. That was the way Christmas should be.

Viking Gas Kings Ready For Action

(From The Viking News)

The Vegreville Rangers and the Viking Gas Kings will provide the hockey entertainment at the Carina Monday, Dec. 21, commencing at 8:30 p.m. Just how these two teams that have been re-organized recently will stack up is the \$64 question.

There has been little time for practice due to lack of ice but the coach of the Gas Kings, Lorne Lewis, has been putting the boys through their paces under the big dome for a few nights and the boys are getting some kinks straightened out in time for the opener scheduled for Wainwright tonight (Wednesday).

A number of last year's team are trying out, besides a few newcomers from here and there who are reputed to be good material. Coach Lewis intends to have a pretty rugged squad to go against the Rangers who have been rejuvenated and don't intend to be a pushover for the Gas Kings or any other team in the league.

Probable Line-up: At press time, coach Lewis submitted the following probable starting line-up:

Forwards: J. Storey, A. Glasgow, Ed Slywka, B. Masson, L. Lewis, Roy Romanuk; E. Seidler, Bjork, Gaudet.

Defence: I. Messner, A. Klein, L. Thunell. The goal tending job is still hanging fire. Larry Proctor, who suffered an ankle injury at the first practice, will be on hand if needed.

A new speaker system has been installed as well as a lot of new seats on the west side of the Carina.

Sponsor tickets are now on sale at the Nordstrom and Merta office.

"No Smoking" regulations are to be strictly enforced due to fire hazards so leave your favorite brand of weeds at home so you won't be tempted to take the old puff and be ousted from the rink when the Gas Kings score their first goal against their ancient rivals.

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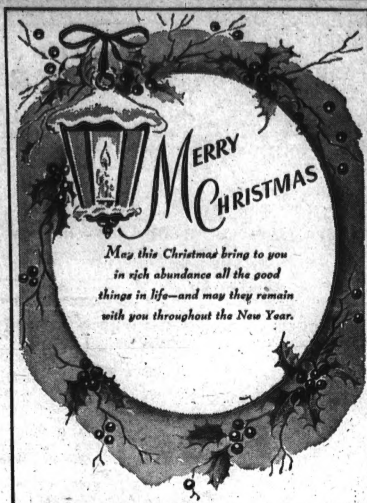
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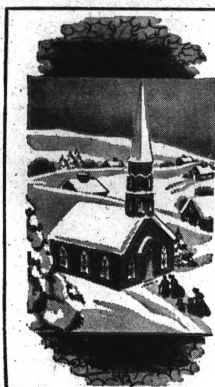
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Wainwright at Viking.
Vermilion at Vegreville.

Wednesday, December 30
Viking at Wainwright.
Vegreville at Vermilion.

Wednesday, January 6
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Saturday, January 9
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Vegreville at Wainwright.
Viking at Vermilion.

Saturday, January 16
Vermilion at Viking.
Wainwright at Vegreville.

Wednesday, January 20
Viking at Vegreville.
Vermilion at Wainwright.

Saturday, January 23
Wainwright at Viking.
Vegreville at Vermilion.

Wednesday, January 27
Vermilion at Viking.
Wainwright at Vegreville.

Saturday, January 30
Viking at Wainwright.
Vegreville at Vermilion.

Wednesday, February 3
Wainwright at Vermilion.
Vegreville at Viking.

Saturday, February 6
Viking at Vegreville.
Vermilion at Wainwright.

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Vegreville at Vermilion.

Saturday, February 13
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Fresh damp stains are easier to remove than old dry ones.—District Home Economist.

let us dress up your
STATIONERY



VIKING NEWS Printers

The Good Earth

(By N. A. Chomik,

District Agriculturist)

(From The Viking News)
MORE TREES FOR 1954

The Forest Nursery Station at Indian Head and the Provincial Horticultural Station will be distributing more trees next spring than ever before. To cope with the demand for trees, which exceeds supplies, the facilities at these stations have been expanded. This means more trees available to the Prairie farmers. More farmers are planting trees and for good reasons. Trees protect and beautify. Protection from trees to farmstead, livestock, crops and soil makes them a real asset to the farmer. To assist the farmer government agencies are providing a nifty quick growing trees for his use. In a number of localities municipal authorities have purchased or built a tree planting machine. Such is the case in this municipality. A tree planting machine speeds up planting of trees which work comes in spring of the year when the farmer is extremely busy. It then remains for the farmer to summerfallow his land, forward an application early to a Government Nursery Station, or their agencies, apply to the municipal authorities for a tree planting machine and following spring in a matter of a few hours several rows a quarter or half mile long can be planted. Then with a little care and attention in a matter of five or six years a wonderful shelterbelt has been established.

This then is the type of service that we would like to see more farmers of this municipality capitalize on. There are many places in this area where farmstead shelterbelts, field shelterbelts and roadside plantings could add to our pleasure of living, even if it means a little extra work. Application for trees can be made through this office and we would gladly supply to applicants any other information such as planting distances, spacing, type of trees to grow and care after planting, etc.

Some trees are still available for 1954, namely Manitoba Maple, and Green Ash. If you have land summerfallowed kept neglected up to your application, contact this office immediately. Also we are anxious to see as many farmers use our tree planting machine as can be accommodated.

HANDLE LIVESTOCK WITH CARE

A publication put out by one of the Commercial Packing Plants states that one out of every ten hogs sold in Canada come to market with bruises and in the U.S. one out of every fifteen cattle marketed were so bruised that the average value lost per injured animal was \$6. Bruises and injury cause great losses to our livestock industry. To avoid or reduce losses the following suggestions are given. First, outlaw clubs and whips, use canvas slappers and use them sparingly only when needed. Almost half of all hog bruises and a good percentage of cattle bruises can be prevented by using canvas slappers. Second, remove protruding nails, brogue boards, machinery from feed lots, etc. Third, remove horns—cut them off. Fourth, bed down trucks properly (sand in summer and straw in winter) and check truck for protruding nails, etc. Fifth, load carefully. Let animals get used to the loading chute and provide steps up the chute and partition different kinds, that is, hogs from cattle, or sheep from hogs, etc. to prevent trampling. Sheep can be most easily bruised at loading. Don't load too few or too many. If too many, then partition. Sixth, drive carefully. Don't stop or start suddenly. Lastly, use good judgment and handle your livestock with care.

POISON DEVICES TO CONTROL COYOTES

As most of the farmers in this district are aware, poison devices can be obtained from your Field Supervisor or this office to control coyotes. The Alberta Department of Agriculture is providing coyote getters (cyanide guns) and poison pellets to municipalities who have applied for the use of these devices, which is the case in our municipality. These devices are pass-

ed on from the Department of Agriculture to the Municipal Pest Control Officer, which in our case is Rex Boyles, Field Supervisor. Farmers living within the borders of the MD of Beaver can then apply to this person for poison devices. To obtain coyote getters or poison pellets a farmer first has to sign a release form and receive instructions in their use. These poison devices are relatively simple to use and any farmer bothered with coyotes should not hesitate to contact the Field Supervisor or this office for materials.

Funeral of Julian Makar

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. for Julian Leo Makar by Rev. Father Bastuk of Holden, assisted by Rev. A. Hickey at Viking Catholic Church. News of the boy's death reached his parents at Kinsella early Saturday morning. Julian Leo Makar was born in Viking hospital November 20, 1930. He was baptized by Rev. Father O'Neill April 2, 1931. He took his early schooling at Kinsella and completed his Grade XI. When a small boy his father drove him by team to school, a 12 mile trip, later on the boy used his bicycle. Having completed his XI grade he desired to take a mechanic course in Edmonton, which he completed. He then spent two years with his parents at his home on the farm near Kinsella. In 1951 he went to work in the oil wells in Manitoba and worked there until the fatal accident happened. He had completed his work on the oil derrick and his safety belt failed him and he fell to his death. To his parents and brother Joseph the entire community offer their sincere sympathy. He was buried in the cemetery at Kinsella. May his soul rest in peace.

Cutting triangular biscuits is much quicker than cutting the conventional round ones separately. The cookie jar, squares, bars and slices are easier and quicker than rolled or drop cookies.—District Home Economist.

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GOOD THINGS IN STORE
It takes the advice of their four children to help Claire and John Drainie get their Christmas tree ready for Santa Claus. What he has in store for them on Christmas morning remains to be seen, but there is doubt about what Claire and John plan for radio listeners this coming year; they will continue to combine their dramatic talents on "Jake and The Kid," and John will be heard as well on "Stage 54" and "CBC Wednesday Night," among others. Claire also will be appearing on several CBC programs.

Fish Found in Local Dam

(From The Viking News)

Mike Brend, found a species of fish swimming merrily around in his self-made dam on his farm 16 miles southwest of town on the S.E. 31-46-14. Not knowing just how they got into the dam he brought a few specimens to our local fish expert, Goddard Loney, who judged they were "shiners" or commonly known as minnows. A small creek or slough is connected with the dam and it is thought that the fish may have come looking for

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

FREE PICTURE SHOW

Kinsella News

The sympathy of this community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. M. Makar and Joe on the death of their son and brother, Julian Makar.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Reid of Edmonton were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Reid's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Overbo.

Plan to attend the "Talent Night" to be held in the Memorial Hall next Friday evening, December 18.

On the occasion of her sixth birthday anniversary Linda Wilkinson entertained a number of friends at a birthday party last Thursday afternoon.

A free picture show for the people of Kinsella and district will be held by courtesy of the Kinsella Legion on Saturday afternoon, December 19 at 2:30. During the afternoon Santa will arrive and distribute treats provided by the local Elks Lodge, to the children.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Thompson and Wilfred of Edmonton were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Beschell during the week-end.

At the annual meeting of the Kinsella Elks Lodge held last Thursday, December 10 the following Lodge officers for 1954 were elected:

E.R. Bro. A. Barker.
Imm. P.E.R. Bro. A. C. Loades.
Leading Knight, Bro. B. Bilo.
Loyal Knight, Bro. R. Sherman.

Lecturing Knight, Bro. G. Bridgman.

Secretary, Bro. T. Oakes.
Treasurer, Bro. B. Wilkinson.
Inner Guard, Bro. H. G. Smith.
Tyler, Bro. B. Davis.

Esquires, Bro. J. McKie.
Chaplain, Bro. R. W. Cottrell.
Historian, Bro. G. Paterson.
Trustees, Bro. J. Beschell, Bro. A. Overby, Bro. J. Campbell.

At this meeting it was decided to give a donation of \$50 towards the installation of gas in the skating rink waiting room.

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Christmas Message

From the

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

The Christian world commemorates Christmas in honor of the birth of Christ. His teachings form the foundation of a relationship between human beings which, if lived up to, would bring heaven to earth.

The spirit of unselfishness is abroad at Christmastime. While the family is the centre of Christmas festivities, hospitality and friendly feelings spread far beyond the intimate circle. Goodwill radiates through the whole community.

It is a wonderful experience for humanity, that the cares and worries and resentments of everyday life can, for a little space in the year, be forgotten, and friendliness and sympathy prevail.

So, in the face of the trouble and fear of war which depresses the world, the 1953 Christmastide is looked forward to with cheerfulness.

"As long as there are homes where fires burn and there is bread. As long as there are homes where lamps are lit and prayers are said. Although a people falter through the dark, and nation grope. With God, Himself, back of these homes, we still have hope."



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WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT—

—A WEALTHY WOMAN LEFT A FORTUNE TO BUY CLOTHES FOR SNOWMEN



By Boyce Fields

THEIR JOLLY SANTA, ringing his bell in an appeal for contributions for the needy, grinned his thanks as Dick Slater dropped a bill into the kettle. The donation was a salute, not only to the Yuletide spirit, but to Dick's own good fortune. He had a home, a lovely wife named Jean, and a smaller reproduction of himself named Pete. What more could a man want?

One other thing made this a great day for Dick. He was on his way to fulfill a dream. While they were still engaged, he had bought a stand of simulated pearls for Jean. Some how the feeling had grown on him that, until he could replace the phony baubles with a string of real ones, he wouldn't be a success in the eyes of his dark-haired, brown-eyed Jean.

"Put this card on the outside of the package," he told the clerk who wrapped his gift. On the card he had written: TO A REAL PEARL—A STRING OF THEM!

It was beginning to get dark when Dick got off the train in suburban Roseville where he lived. He started to walk briskly toward his home, two blocks away. Happy in the glow of having, at least, realized his cherished dream, he didn't see the figure lurking in the dark alley till the man stepped out and thrust the gun into his abdomen.

"This is a stickup!" the thug snarled hoarsely. "Turn around and get your hands up!"

A feeling of relief flooded Dick as he remembered he had spent most of his money on the necklace. Then the thought hit him—the necklace itself was in his pocket!

"Listen fellow," he pleaded, over his shoulder, with the gunman. "I have a Christmas present for my wife in my pocket. Take my money, but leave me that!"

The hoodlum didn't answer. Methodically, he continued taking everything out of Dick's pockets. As his hand started to remove the precious little package, Dick Slater went wild! He whirled, slapping with his left hand at about where he thought the gun would be. He caught nothing. The thief merely stepped back and brought the heavy gun crashing down on his victim's head.

As THE DARKNESS cleared away, Dick became aware that he was in a hospital. Gradually, he realized Jean and little Pete were beside his bed.

"Jean," he said groggily.

"Oh, Dick! Jean had robbed, half laughed. "I've been scared! The

doctor says you only have a slight concussion, though, and you're going to be all right!"

As his head continued to clear, the realization of his loss overwhelmed Dick. The necklace—his precious gift was gone!

"I had a present for you, Jean ...," he began.

"I know, Foolish," his wife cut in, "and you almost lost your life trying to save it!"

"But it was the string of real pearls I've always wanted you to have, Jean. You know how much they meant to me!"

"Yes, I've known the silly obsession you've had about my wearing simulated pearls," Jean said almost sternly. "It never seemed to occur to you that my husband and little Pete were the real pearls in my life!"

"Well, this is going to be a bun. Christmas for you," Dick said glumly. "And I thought it would be the best yet."

"It's going to be," Jean told him "Look!"

She put her arm under his shoulder and lifted him to a sitting position. In one corner of the room was a beautiful little Christmas tree. Piled high under it were the gifts he and Jean had wrapped for little Pete. Jean went over and brought back two of the packages. One was her present to him—a watch he had wanted. The other package...

Suddenly, he recognized it—the pearls!

"Yes," Jean said. "My pearls. When the police caught the thief he hadn't time to open them even."

Dick pulled his wife to him and said huskily, "It is a wonderful Christmas, darling, and you're right. The real pearls are the things we carry in our hearts!"

Merry Christmas - Western Canada from EATON'S



ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL

Prisoner of War Claims For Compensation Must Be Made Immediately

It is imperative that all prisoners of war make application for claim for compensation of maltreatment before Dec. 31, 1953. Documentation can follow that date but this is the deadline for registration. Application can be made to Secretary, War Claims Commission, Ottawa and the veteran should give regimental number, unit, date and place of capture and place of imprisonment. The Pensions Advocate in each Department of Veterans' Affairs District will give any necessary assistance to the veteran concerned in preparing his claim.

Since it is quite likely that most prisoners of war will receive some compensation for maltreatment, it is definitely in their interest to make application.

Notice to Creditors And Claimants

In the estate of Samuel Hugh Spackman (known as Hugh Spackman), late of the Village of Irma in the Province of Alberta, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named Samuel Hugh Spackman (known as Hugh Spackman) who died on the 7th day of December A.D. 1952, are required to file with Kane and Hurlburt, 906 McLeod Building, Edmonton, Alta. solicitors for the executors, by the first day of February A.D. 1954, a full statement duly verified their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the executors will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or which have been brought to their knowledge.

Dated at the City of Edmonton in the Province of Alberta, this 8th day of December A.D. 1953.

KANE AND HURLBURT,
Solicitors for Clifford, Abbott and Murray Abbott,
Executors of the Estate of Samuel Hugh Spackman,
Deceased,
906 McLeod Building,
Edmonton, Alberta.
11-18-Jan. 8c

CHICAGO FAIR WINNERS

Alberta made it a clean sweep in the cereal grain competitions at North America's two major seed fairs by taking top honors in the wheat, oats, barley and rye classes at the Chicago International this week. Previously Alberta farmers had topped these same classes at the Toronto Royal Winter Fair.

Fred Hillworth, of Taber, was awarded the world wheat championship with his sample of Reward wheat.

The barley crown was won by George Snow, of Milk River, who repeated his Toronto win with a sample of Campana.

John T. Elluk, of Hairy Hill, was awarded the oat championship.

In the rye class Chris Morck, of Dickson, who had previously won the championship at Toronto, was awarded the crown.

Mr. Hallworth's achievement in winning the wheat crown marked the twenty-fifth time this honor had come to Canada and the seventeenth time to Alberta.

1953 HAIL LOSSES

This past season was one of the worst in Alberta's history from a hail standpoint. About 616,577 acres of crop received hail damage.

The Alberta Hail Insurance board is paying out \$2,500,000 to 4,500 claimants for hail losses. That sum is more than double the amount paid out last year.

On Sunday night, December 20, the Girls of the CGIT will present the annual candle-lighting service in the United Church.



the birth of Jesus

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Five Generations



Five generations are represented in the above photo. From left to right are Mrs. S. Gault, great-great-grandmother; Mrs. J. A. Kennett, great-grandmother; and Mrs. A. G. Smith, grandmother, resident in the Kinsella district; Mrs. W. E. Sarasin, mother; and William James Sarasin, great-great-grandchild, of Viking. It is quite unusual to have five generations in a photo all living.

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**ELECTED MEMBER
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OF DIRECTORS**



Robert J. Dinning

MONTREAL—Robt. J. Dinning, president of Burns and Co. Ltd., was today elected a director of the Bank of Montreal, of whose staff he was a member 30 years ago.

Mr. Dinning's election to the B of M board at the bank's 136th annual meeting recalls a bank-link association going back almost to the turn of the century, first with the former Merchants Bank of Canada and later with the Bank of Montreal with which it became amalgamated. While born in Ontario, Mr. Dinning has spent most of his life in the West. His knowledge of the western provinces—particularly Alberta which he has covered by every known form of transportation—is intimate and far-reaching. Much of his time with the bank in the early days was spent on the outskirts of civilization opening new banking offices—in most cases well ahead of the railway.

Mr. Dinning's business associations are numerous and varied. Besides presiding over the operations of Burns and Co. Ltd., and Pa'm Dairies Limited, he is vice-president of the Consolidated Fruit Co. Ltd., and a director of the CNR Co. Ltd., Royalty Oil Co. Ltd., and Taylor, Pearson and Carson Ltd. He is also a member of the advisory board of the National Trust Co. Ltd. for Alberta and is associated with several philanthropic organizations.

Elected to the B of M board at the same meeting were Harold S. Foley, president of the Powell River Company Limited, and Hugh G. Hilton, president of the Steel Company of Canada Limited. John A. MacAulay, Q.C., of Winnipeg, president of the Canadian Bar Association and a B of M director for many years, was elected a vice-president of the bank.

RE MAILING LIST

We will be making up a new mailing list for the Irma Times as soon as the Christmas issue is off the press. We would much appreciate receiving all subscriptions due so as to have this list complete and up to date.

The Irma CGIT is planning a vesper service in the Irma United Church on the evening of December 20.

Locals

Mrs. Susie McKay of Toronto will spend the Christmas holidays at fault: She Marie, a niece at the home of W. H. C. Brien, Q.C.

Our Christmas lights are on again in the village and there seems to be a braver array than ever of lovely lighted Christmas trees, etc. Don't forget Irma Day on December 19.

The regular meeting of the Irma W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. R. O. Larson on January 7 at 3 p.m. Hostesses Mrs. Thurston and Mrs. Elchert. Draw, Mrs. Hubman, Program, Mrs. Guan.

Mrs. F. Watkinson is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Carter and Mrs. Penton at Wainwright.

On Sunday night, December 20, the Girls of the CGIT will present the annual candle-lighting service in the United Church.

On Sunday night, December 27, the United Church Sunday School will present a White Gift Service and a Nativity program in the Irma United church at 7:30 p.m.

The Irma Ladies Curling Club reorganized on Thursday last at the home of Mrs. C. Anquist. Mrs. F. Drewicki was re-elected President. Mrs. S. Murray, secretary, and Mrs. Stuart Penton, Vice-Pres.

A donation to the Alberta Protestant Home for Children has been received in memory of Mr. Dendrew Likness from Mr. and Mrs. Leo Shaw.

Mr. Woodie Clark left Irma on Tuesday of this week to visit his sister at Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunbar Jr. were recent visitors here at the home of the latter's parents.

Miss Shirley Mae Brown of Edmonton spent last week-end at her home here.

Mrs. C. Anquist was an Edmonton visitor on Monday.

Mrs. D. L. Robertson of Vancouver was a recent visitor here with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Whitely and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hubman. Her daughter, Miss Florence Whitely accompanied her to Irma and will remain here for a time.

Mrs. Wm. Masson and son Jimmie were visitors to the city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Coffin and family and Mrs. Magrath motored to Wainwright on Sunday to celebrate Charlie Holt's 16th birthday at his home there.

Many thanks to the 4H Beef Club Secretary, Irene Archibald, for her fine account of the recent tour. We especially enjoyed the account of the coyote hunt! That must have been something extra!

Sixty per cent of the original forest of Canada has been burnt; only 13 per cent has been cut.

"Season's Greetings"

At this season of the year, though your delivery quota of wheat be small, may your quota of blessings be the biggest ever, continuing through the coming year. We thank you sincerely for your valued patronage and we hope to serve you better through nineteen fifty four.

- Merry Christmas To You All -

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GREETINGS

We would like to extend our Greetings to our friends in Irma and surrounding districts. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

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Jesus Saviour, pilot us.

—MRS. R. D. SMALLWOOD and ALEX.

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CARL ANQUIST

- NOTICE -

The next meeting of the Ross F.U.A. Local will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer on Monday, January 4, 1954.

Mr. Ivan Thurston will give his report on the convention.

—Wm. Dubasz, Sec.-Treas.



May your Christmas be a
merry one and may you recall all
happy memories throughout a bright
New Year.

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- STORE HOURS -
December 21, 22, 23, 24
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To One and All that Good Old Wish

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Thanking you for your generous support the past year and hoping you all may have, in every way, a Happy and Profitable 1954

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